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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
 Arjun C. Sau )  
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 Serial No. 10/003,755 )  
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 Filed: October 29, 2001 )  
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 For: Suppression of Aqueous Viscosity )  
 Of Associating Polyacetal-Polyethers )

Group Art Unit: 1711  
 Examiner: Umakant K. Rajguru

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RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action dated January 29, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 USC 121 which is incorporated into the above-referenced Official Action.

Notwithstanding the election of the claims of Group I during a telephone interview with Examiner Rajguru on September 12, 2002 where a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-23 and 28-30, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Initially, applicant points out that the requirement for restriction omits one of the two criteria of a proper requirement as now established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office